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	First Named Inventor	Hideo Miura, et al.
	Art Unit	2814
	Examiner Name	A. Mai
	Attorney Docket Number	500.36904X00



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For: METHOD OF FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING
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Art Unit: 2814

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